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Mr Doug Haywood  
BLM Las Cruces District Office  
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Dear Sir or Madam

**Copper Flat Copper Mine Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

Tulla Resources Group Pty Ltd (Tulla) is an Australian registered private company and is the controlling shareholder of THEMAC Resources Group Limited (THEMAC Resources). Tulla is owned by the Maloney family who are based in Sydney, Australia.

New Mexico Copper Corporation (NMCC) is a wholly owned subsidiary of THEMAC Resources and is the proposed operator of the Copper Flat mine should development approval be granted and funding obtained for the project.

The principals of Tulla founded and managed Australia's most successful large scale, remote area accommodation services provider to the resources industry. At its peak The MAC Resources Group Limited owned and operated 6 accommodation villages which comprised some 6,000 rooms. The company was listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) in 2007 and the Maloney Family sold their controlling interest to Oil States International (Houston based, NY Stock Exchange listed corporation) in 2010.

Kevin Maloney is the Chairman of Altona Mining Limited, a company listed on the ASX, and in which Tulla has a significant shareholding. Until 2015 when it was sold, Altona owned and operated a copper mine in Finland and still has extensive mining tenements at Cloncurry in Central Queensland which has a proven copper and gold reserve. Sichuan Railway Investment Group ("SRIG") have, subject to a number of conditions, agreed to form a joint venture to develop the Cloncurry Project by contributing US\$214m for a 60% interest.

Tulla has a long and successful history of involvement in the mining industry in Australia and has a strong record of working sympathetically with the local communities in which it has operations. It is mindful of the need to compete fairly and equitably for resources and to actively involve itself in community issues and institutions.

Tulla is mindful of the importance of recommencement of mining operations in New Mexico at the Copper Flat site as it will have a significant economic benefit to the State generally and to its surrounding communities. Tulla's policy always is to give preference to local residents when it comes to employment opportunities and wherever practicable to use local service providers.

We acknowledge that we have a vested interest in seeing development approval granted but the fact remains that the reestablishment of mining operations at Copper Flat will be a positive outcome for the State.

Yours sincerely

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